

From the announcement of birth, an event over which we have no control, to the obituary notice, which we will never read, events fill the pages of our lives, and it is how we respond to or create those events that will determine if our life's story is worth reading or remembering.

For John W. Jacobs, Jr., most of his life has evolved in Gainesville, Georgia, where he was born on November 28, 1922. He graduated from high school there and attended Riverside Military Academy for a year before venturing west to the University of Missouri to attend the prestigious journalism school. The outbreak of World War II interrupted his education and he soon found himself on the battlefields of Europe in one of the most important battles of the war, the Battle of the Bulge, where he was awarded two Silver Stars. When the war concluded, he finished his college degree and returned to his hometown where he began his career in communications by selling ads for a local newspaper.

He soon joined some of his veteran friends and formed the radio station WDUN. In the years that followed, he formed, bought and sold a newspaper, a cable television system and an FM radio station. Today, his company, Jacobs Media, owns three radio stations, an on-line local newspaper, and a travel agency. He and his son and daughter are the sole shareholders.

If that was all that John Jacobs, Jr., had done with his life and talents, it would be an impressive story worthy of an extensive spread in the business section of any newspaper. But that is only part of the story, for John understood that business success must be coupled with personal service if anyone is going to be inspired by the story of your life. And it is in this arena where the real story of John Jacobs can be found. He has served as President of the Greater Hall County Chamber of Commerce on two separate occasions, President of the Gainesville Jaycees, Exalted Ruler of the Elks Lodge, local President and Governor of the Georgia District of Kiwanis, President of the Georgia Association of Broadcasters and the Georgia Cable Television Association.

In addition, John has been active in Grace Episcopal Church, serving as Warden and Vestryman, chairman of Building Funds and Day Reader. John recognized that Brenau University was one of the jewels in his hometown and he has served on its Board of Trustees since 1958 and as Chairman of the Board for 23 years. For his long service and charitable support, he has been awarded an Honorary Doctorate Degree and the Business and Communications Building has been named in his honor. He has also served as an active Trustee at Riverside Military Academy since 1975. It is no wonder that in 2000 Georgia Trend Magazine named him one of the 100 most influential Georgians, and that the City of Gainesville presented him with a Distinguished Citizen Award at its 180th Birthday Celebration.

Since 2003 his primary involvement has been with the Northeast Georgia History Center and the completion of An American Freedom Garden which pays tribute to veterans and their gift of freedom. This year he will complete 2½ years as President of that organization.

John's wife Martha Rand Jacobs, and their children, Elizabeth Carswell, and Jay Jacobs, and their seven grandchildren have set an example for service for all of us.

John W. Jacobs, Jr. has filled the pages of his life with excitement, successes and service, and every day he is writing a new paragraph. He is an outstanding example of a purpose driven life, and he is a great encourager for all who would follow in his path.

CONGRATULATING DR. RENÉ DÍAZ-LEFEBVRE FOR HIS SELECTION AS THE 2006 ARIZONA PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2006

Mr. PASTOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to congratulate Dr. René Díaz-Lefebvre, Professor of Psychology at Glendale Community College in Glendale, Arizona, for his selection as this year's Arizona Professor of the Year.

Sponsored by The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and administered by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), the Professors of the Year awards recognize professors for their influence on teaching and their outstanding commitment to teaching undergraduate students. Dr. Díaz-Lefebvre is the first Latino from Arizona and one of eight community college professors to win this award, one of the most prestigious and competitive in the Nation.

A fifth generation Arizonan, Dr. Díaz-Lefebvre was born in South Tucson, in a low-income housing project known as La Reforma. Encouraged by his family, who taught him that la educación abre puertas (education opens doors), Dr. Díaz-Lefebvre was in the first graduating class of Pima Community College in 1972. He went on to receive his Bachelor's degree in Humanistic Psychology from the University of Redlands, his Master's degree in Guidance and Counseling from California State University, San Bernardino, and his Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from Union Graduate School.

Dr. Díaz-Lefebvre has been a leader in applying cognitive psychology research to innovative ways of helping students learn and assessing that learning. He has pioneered the Multiple Intelligences/Learning for Understanding (MI/LfU) method of teaching, learning, and assessment, which takes into account the differences in students' learning abilities and offers as many approaches to learning as possible, such as role playing, creative writing, and computer simulations. Dr. Díaz-Lefebvre has received numerous awards and recognitions for his work on MI/LfU and is frequently asked to speak at conferences regarding his innovative approach to teaching.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Dr. Díaz-Lefebvre for receiving this prestigious award, and to express my gratitude for his innovation and determination in teaching our next generation of leaders. It is with great pleasure that I congratulate Dr. Díaz-Lefebvre

today for this award, which duly recognizes his important work.

NATIONAL ALZHEIMER'S
AWARENESS MONTH

HON. CONNIE MACK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2006

Mr. MACK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my support for the goals and ideals of National Alzheimer's Awareness month. It is during this month that we recognize the millions of Americans who have succumbed to this devastating disease, as well as their loved ones and caretakers. It is also a time to renew our commitment to advancing the research efforts aimed at preventing and combating Alzheimer's disease.

As America's Baby Boomer generation ages, the need to find a cure for this disease is more urgent than ever. There is groundbreaking work being done at our Nation's premier research universities, the National Institutes of Health, as well as the Department of Veterans Affairs, to further understand how Alzheimer's affects the brain. We must continue to support this cutting edge research to combat and prevent the debilitating effects of this disease.

Far too many Americans are faced with what Nancy Reagan called the "long, long goodbye." Over 4 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's and it is estimated that in the next 50 years that number will likely triple. These numbers do not take into account the countless family members, loved ones, and caretakers who shoulder the burden to ensure that patients are able to live out their days with as much dignity and comfort as possible.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MR.
FRANKLYN EUGENE COLE

HON. RICHARD W. POMBO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2006

Mr. POMBO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to submit into the RECORD a birthday greeting for my father-in-law, Mr. Franklyn Eugene Cole. I honor Franklyn on his 80th birthday and would like to bring attention to the life Franklyn has lived. Having served his country honorably in the United States Navy during World War II, Franklyn returned to California where he married his wife of 53 years, Rena Cole. Over the years Franklyn built a successful small business and dedicated himself to the education of children while he served on the Jefferson school board for over 30 years. Today, Franklyn lives happily with his wife Rena, two daughters, and five grandchildren. Mr. Speaker, I want to salute Franklyn Cole on his birthday for his unending patriotism and devotion to the American dream.